

Table 3.69

Reported drug use, alcohol use, and cigarette use in last 30 days among high school seniors

By type of drug, United States, 1991-2003

Question: "On how many occasions, if any, have you used. . .during the last 30 days?"

(Percent who used in last 30 days)

| Type of drug | Class of 1991 (N=15,000) | Class of 1992 (N=15,800) | Class of 1993 (N=16,300) | Class of 1994 (N=15,400) | Class of 1995 (N=15,400) | Class of 1996 (N=14,300) | Class of 1997 (N=15,400) | Class of 1998 (N=15,200) | Class of 1999 (N=13,600) | Class of 2000 (N=12,800) | Class of 2001 (N=12,800) | Class of 2002 (N=12,900) | Class of 2003 (N=14,600) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Marijuana/hashish | 13.8% | 11.9% | 15.5% | 19.0% | 21.2% | 21.9% | 23.7% | 22.8% | 23.1% | 21.6% | 22.4% | 21.5% | 21.2% |
| Inhalants ^a | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Adjusted ^{a,b} | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Amyl and butyl nitrites ^c | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Hallucinogens ^d | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| Adjusted ^e | 2.4 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| LSD | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| PCP ^c | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| MDMA (ecstasy) ^f | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1.3 |
| Cocaine | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Crack | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| Other cocaine ^g | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Heroin ^h | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Other narcotics ^{i,j} | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Amphetamines ⁱ | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| Methamphetamine ^k | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Crystal methamphetamine ^k | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Sedatives ^{l,j} | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| Barbiturates ⁱ | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Methaqualone ^{i,m} | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Tranquilizers ^{d,i} | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| Alcohol ⁿ | 54.0 | 51.3 | 48.6 | 50.1 | 51.3 | 50.8 | 52.7 | 52.0 | 51.0 | 50.0 | 49.8 | 48.6 | 47.5 |
| Steroids ^o | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Cigarettes | 28.3 | 27.8 | 29.9 | 31.2 | 33.5 | 34.0 | 36.5 | 35.1 | 34.6 | 31.4 | 29.5 | 26.7 | 24.4 |

Note: See Note, table 3.64. Data for the categories "inhalants" and "hallucinogens" are underestimated because some users of amyl and butyl nitrites, and PCP fail to report in these drug categories. Since 1979, the survey addresses this issue by asking specific questions about amyl and butyl nitrites (inhalants) and PCP (a hallucinogen) on one survey alternate form. The results of this survey are used to adjust for underreporting in these drug categories. "Crack" is a highly potent and addictive form of cocaine. "Other cocaine" refers to noncrack forms of this drug. Readers interested in responses to this question for 1975 through 1990 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 6.

^aData based on five questionnaire forms in 1991-98; N is five-sixths of N indicated. Beginning in 1999, data are based on three questionnaire forms; N is one-half of N indicated.

^bAdjusted for underreporting of amyl and butyl nitrites.

^cData based on a single questionnaire form; N is one-sixth of N indicated.

^dIn 2001, the question text was changed on half of the questionnaire forms. The 2001 data are based on the changed forms only; N is one-half of N indicated. Beginning in 2002, all forms include the revised wording and data are based on all six forms.

^eAdjusted for underreporting of PCP.

^fData based on a single questionnaire form; N is one-sixth of N indicated. Beginning in 2002, data are based on two forms; N is one-third of N indicated.

^gData based on four questionnaire forms beginning in 1991; N is two-thirds of N indicated.

^hBeginning in 1995, the heroin question was changed in half of the questionnaire forms. Separate questions were asked for use with injection and without injection. Data presented here represent the combined data from all forms.

ⁱOnly drug use that was not under a doctor's orders is included here.

^jIn 2002, the question text was changed on half of the questionnaire forms. The list of examples of narcotics other than heroin was updated by replacing "Talwin," "laudanum," and "paregoric" with "Vicodin," "OxyContin," and "Percocet." The 2002 data are based on the changed forms only; N is one-half of N indicated. Beginning in 2003, all forms include the revised wording and data are based on all six forms.

^kData based on two questionnaire forms; N is one-third of N indicated.

^lSedatives data are a combination of barbiturate and methaqualone data. Beginning in 1991, six forms of barbiturate data are adjusted by one form of methaqualone data.

^mData based on a single questionnaire form; N is one-sixth of N indicated.

ⁿData based on six questionnaire forms in 1991 and 1992. In 1993, the question was changed slightly in three of six forms to indicate that a "drink" meant "more than a few sips." The 1993 data are based on the changed forms only; N is one-half of N indicated for 1993. Beginning in 1994, all forms include the revised wording and data are based on all six forms.

^oData based on two questionnaire forms; N is one-third of N indicated.

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